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SUBJECT:EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRIDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. MEETING WITH LANE KIRKLAND. I WENT TO AFL-CIO HEAD-
QUARTERS TODAY TO EXPLAIN TO LANE KIRKLAND HOW WE WILL
IMPLEMENT THE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT, NOW THAT IT HAS BECOME
LAW. I TOLD HIM THAT WAIVERS TO PERMIT TRAVEL BY
COMMUNIST LABOR OFFICIALS WILL BE REVIEWED HERE IN WASHING-
TON, RATHER THAN BEING FINALLY ACTED UPON BY CONSULAR OFFI-
CERS IN OUR EMBASSIES ABROAD. KIRKLAND EXPRESSED HIS
UNDIMINISHED OPPOSITION TO THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO
COMMUNIST -- AND PARTICULARLY SOVIET -- LABOR LEADERS SO
LONG AS THE SOVIETS MAINTAINED STRICT CONTROL OVER THE
TRAVEL OF THEIR CITIZENS. I RESPONDED THAT WE ARE OBLIGED
TO HONOR THE LAW, BUT THAT WE WILL REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO
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PRESS THE SOVIETS IN THE CSCE AND ELSEWHERE TO LIBERALIZE
THEIR TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

RECOGNIZING THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION, LANE ASKED
WHETHER WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO KEEP HIM INFORMED ABOUT THE
ARRIVAL DATES AND BACKGROUND OF COMMUNIST LABOR LEADERS.
I TOLD HIM THAT THIS WAS A GOOD SUGGESTION WHICH WE WOULD

LOOK INTO AND TRY TO IMPLEMENT. LANE WAS FRIENDLY AND

PLEASANT THROUGHOUT OUR MEETING, AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE AFL-CIO WILL NOT LET THEIR UNHAPPINESS OVER THE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT WASH OVER INTO OTHER ISSUES.

2. THE HORN OF AFRICA. WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO KEEP OUR LINES OPEN TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT, HOSTILE AND UNTRUSTWORTHY AS MENGISTU MAY BE. THE ETHIOPIANS APPEAR SOMEWHAT DISAFFECTED WITH THEIR SOVIET SUPPORT AND HAVE MADE LIMITED OVERTURES TO US. TODAY WE INSTRUCTED OUR CHARGE IN ADDIS TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH MENGISTU, ASSURING HIM THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO SUPPLY DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT TO SOMALIA IN THE ABSENCE OF A SETTLEMENT OF THE OGADEN AFFAIR, REMINDING HIM THAT WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR DEVELOPMENT AID TO NEEDY PEOPLE IN ETHIOPIA, AND OFFERING SOME HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED IN THE FIGHTING. WE WILL INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE AN AMBASSADOR FROM ETHIOPIA BUT WILL AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE SENDING AN AMBASSADOR TO ADDIS. IF MENGISTU ASKS ABOUT MILITARY AID, WE WILL NOT BE ENCOURAGING.

3. CYPRUS. THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND IN PARTICULAR WHAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS CLAIM IS THE TURKISH DECISION TO COLONIZE NEW FAMAGUSTA (ALSO SECRET

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CALLED VAROSHA). NEW FAMAGUSTA IS A MIAMI BEACH-TYPE RESORT HOTEL CITY IN SOUTHERN CYPRUS, FORMERLY INHABITED SOLELY BY GREEKS, WHICH THE TURKS CAPTURED IN 1974 AND HAVE HELD SINCE THEN AS A GHOST TOWN. THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE THREATENED IN THE PAST TO RESETTLE NEW FAMAGUSTA, BUT HAVE THUS FAR BEEN RESTRAINED FROM DOING SO BY THE ANKARA GOVERNMENT. WITHIN RECENT WEEKS THE TURKS HAVE ALLOWED THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO USE ONE LARGE HOTEL ON THE FRINGE OF NEW FAMAGUSTA, AND THE GREEK CYPRIOTS BELIEVE A MASTER PLAN EXISTS CALLING FOR THE COMPLETE RESETTLEMENT OF NEW FAMAGUSTA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION IS LIKELY TO BE UNHELPFUL. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT MAY FEEL OBLIGED TO SUPPORT PUBLICLY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON THE NEW FAMAGUSTA ISSUE, SOMETHING THEY MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE DONE. IN ADDITION, DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL CREATE A NEW OBSTACLE TO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS WHICH LIE AT THE HEART OF THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATION.

4. CANAL TREATY. THE SEPTEMBER 7 DATE FOR THE SIGNING CEREMONY IS FIRM. YESTERDAY'S UNCERTAINTY AROSE BECAUSE PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD A SCHEDULING CONFLICT. WHEN THAT

CONFLICT WAS RESOLVED LAST NIGHT, OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA SENT OUT HIS MESSAGE TO HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT 12 TO 15 HEADS OF STATE WILL ACCEPT.

TODAY'S SESSION WITH THE PRINCIPAL PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS WENT WELL. ALMOST ALL THE OUTSTANDING POINTS HAVE NOW BEEN AGREED. SOME MINOR POINTS REMAIN, AS WELL AS SOME WORK TO DELINEATE PRECISE AREAS FOR RETENTION BY US OR TRANSFER TO PANAMA UNDER THE NEW TREATIES.

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5. NARCOTICS. TO STRENGTHEN OUR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, THE FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED UNDER CONTRACT BY AID ARE BEING CONSOLIDATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, UNDER MATHEA FALCO. THIS REORGANIZATION REFLECTS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF DRUG ABUSE POLICY.

LAST WEEKEND, BURMESE AUTHORITIES MADE ONE OF THE LARGEST NARCOTICS SEIZURES ON RECORD, TOTALLING 245 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN/MORPHINE AND 430 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM. THE RAID, AT THE BURMESE BORDER TOWN OF TACHILEK, WAS BASED UPON INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED BY U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AGENTS IN THAILAND. IN DEFERENCE TO BURMESE SENSITIVITIES, THE U.S. ROLE IS NOT BEING PUBLICIZED. HOWEVER, AT THE REQUEST OF THE BURMESE, MATHEA FALCO AND PETER BOURNE ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE COMMENDING THE BURMESE SEIZURE.

6. FIRE IN MOSCOW EMBASSY. THE FIRE TODAY ON THE TOP FLOORS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY BUILDING IN MOSCOW APPARENTLY CAUSED NO INJURIES BUT HAS TAKEN OUT ALL OF OUR SECURE CABLE AND VOICE COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES, INCLUDING THE HOT LINE. THERE IS STAND-BY EQUIPMENT IN BONN, GERMANY, INCLUDING CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT. WE ARE ARRANGING TO HAVE IT FLOWN TO MOSCOW BY DOD AIRCRAFT TO GIVE US RESTORED CAPABILITY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME TOMORROW. IN THE MEANTIME, WE CAN USE BRITISH AND FRENCH SECURE CABLE FACILITIES.

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